

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 08569 01 OF 02 181638Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 INR-07  
CIAE-00 EURE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 /046 W  
-----181754Z 064542 /42 S

O P 181629Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8363  
HQ USAF WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
INFO JCS WASHDC PRIORITY  
USNMR SHAPE PRIORITY  
USMISSION NATO PRIORITY  
CINC EUR VAIHINGEN PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 BONN 08569

HQ USAF FOR ATF

SECDEF FOR SECRETARY BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NATO, AWACS, GW  
SUBJECT: AWACS DEMONSTRATION IN FRG

REFS: (A) HQ USAF RAMSTEIN DTG 170900Z MAY 77 (NOTAL)  
(B) USNMR SHAPE DTG 131210Z MAY 77 (NOTAL)  
(C) BONN 05243 DTG 242142Z MAR 77 (EXDIS--SPECAT--  
NOTAL)  
(D) BONN 7260 DTG 271628Z APR 77 (EXDIS--SPECAT--  
NOTAL)

1. I WELCOME THE PREPARATIONS BEING MADE TO BRING AN  
AWACS AIRCRAFT HERE FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES, BUT WANT  
TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT GETTING  
AHEAD OF OUR GERMAN ALLIES BY PREPARING THE DEMONSTRATION  
FOR A TIME WHICH THE FRG MAY CONSIDER INOPPORTUNE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 08569 01 OF 02 181638Z

DURING MY MARCH 24 CALL ON MINISTER LEBER, HE TOLD ME  
THAT HE FELT AWACS SHOULD BE SHOWN AND EXPLAINED TO  
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND TO BUNDESTAG MEMBERS OF APPROPRIATE  
COMMITTEES. THE MINISTER HAD NO SPECIFIC TIMES TO  
SUGGEST AND PROMISED TO LET THE EMBASSY KNOW WHEN HE FELT  
THE TIME WAS RIPE (REF C). ON APRIL 26 WHEN I SAW HIM  
AGAIN, LEBER STILL HAD NO FIRM DATE TO PROPOSE (REF D).

STILL LATER, STATE SECRETARY DR. SCHNELL OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY CONFIRMED THE INTEREST OF THE CHANCELLOR AND MINISTER LEBER IN HAVING SUCH A DEMONSTRATION AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE PRIOR TO THE SUMMER RECESS OF THE BUNDESTAG (SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24) BUT AGAIN PROPOSED NO SPECIFIC DATES (REF B).

2. THE USAFE LIAISON OFFICER HAS NOW BRIEFED ME ON REF-TEL A WHICH INDICATES A PROPOSAL TO DEPLOY AN AWACS AIRCRAFT FROM THE UNITED STATES ON MAY 27 AND PERFORM A DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 31 AND JUNE 1. MINISTER LEBER HAS NOT PROPOSED THESE DATES TO EMBASSY BONN NOR, AS FAR AS I AM AWARE, TO ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THUS, THERE IS A DANGER THAT AIR FORCE PLANNING IS GOING TOO FAR AND TOO FAST.

3. I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT MINISTER LEBER'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO AWACS IS OUR MAJOR TRUMP CARD IN TRYING TO OBTAIN FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. WE MUST DEFER TO HIS WISHES AND LET HIM SET THE PACE INsofar AS OUR DEALINGS WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ARE CONCERNED. OF COURSE THE MINISTER MAY HAVE DISCUSSED THE TIMING OF AN AWACS PRESENTATION WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN AT THE NATO DPC. IF HE DID NOT, I INTEND TO HAVE AN EMBOFF MAKE WORKING LEVEL INQUIRIES WITH MINISTER LEBER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT ON MAY 20 WHEN THE ASSISTANT WILL HAVE RETURNED FROM THE DPC MEETING IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BONN 08569 01 OF 02 181638Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 08569 02 OF 02 181638Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 INR-07  
CIAE-00 EURE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 /046 W  
-----181754Z 064546 /42 S

O P 181629Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8364  
HQ USAF WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
INFO JCS WASHDC PRIORITY  
USNMR SHAPE PRIORITY  
USMISSION NATO PRIORITY  
CINC EUR VAHINGEN PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 08569

WHETHER THE MINISTER HAS AS YET DETERMINED OPTIMUM DATES FOR AN AWACS PRESENTATION. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO SEE DR. SCHNELL ON MAY 20, SINCE SCHNELL IS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY. IF MINISTER LEBER HAS NOT SET ANY DATE, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTACT HIM WHEN HE RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE ON MAY 23. I WILL TELL HIM ABOUT THE PROPOSED DATES, BUT I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO TRY TO PUSH HIM INTO ACCEPTING A DATE BEFORE HE IS READY.

4. I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE AIR FORCE'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE AWACS DEMONSTRATION HERE IN THE FRG TAKE PLACE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE PARIS AIR SHOW. HOWEVER, WE ALSO WANT TO GET KEY MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG TO OBSERVE THE DEMONSTRATION ALONG WITH THE CHANCELLOR, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND OTHER NOTABLES. UNFORTUNATELY, BUNDESTAG SITTINGS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE WEEKS OF JUNE 13 AND 20. BUNDESTAG MEMBERS  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 08569 02 OF 02 181638Z

ARE NOT NORMALLY RESIDENT IN BONN EXCEPT WHEN THE BUNDESTAG IS SITTING AND I FEAR THAT A DEMONSTRATION ON JUNE 1 MIGHT NOT REACH ENOUGH OF THE PEOPLE WE WANT TO INFLUENCE TO MAKE IT WORTHWHILE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTINUE PREPARATIONS TO SEND THE AWACS AIRCRAFT TO THE FRG FOR A DEMONSTRATION, BUT BE PREPARED TO HAVE TO CHANGE THE PROPOSED DATES.  
STOESSEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN



## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** WARNING SYSTEMS, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, MILITARY PLANS, JOINT VENTURES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 18-May-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977BONN08569  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770177-0107  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BONN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770546/aaaabndc.tel  
**Line Count:** 161  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** c60a6e91-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 BONN 5243  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2477020  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** AWACS DEMONSTRATION IN FRG  
**TAGS:** MILI, MPOL, PARM, US, GE, NATO  
**To:** STATE USAF  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/c60a6e91-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009